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In re Application of:)
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STATEMENT OF SUBSTANCE OF INTERVIEW

Sir:

Applicants wish to thank the Examiner for the courtesies extended during a telephonic interview with Applicants' representative on January 11, 2005. During the interview, Applicants' representative discussed features, which distinguish Applicants' invention from the cited Nehab et al. and Savitzky et al. patents. Each of the independent claims was discussed, with particular attention to representative Claim 1. Applicants' representative also made reference to FIGS. A, B, E, and F attached to the December 27, 2004 Amendment as Attachment A.

In particular, Applicants's representative presented arguments that there is no disclosure or suggestion in either Nehab et al. or Savitzky et al. of a method, operable in a

first application upon a local machine, of forming a single continuous printable document by collating a plurality of hyper-text documents, the method comprising, *inter alia*, the step of monitoring access patterns of a second application operating independently of the first application on the local machine, to identify the plurality of hyper-text documents accessed independently by the second application, as presently recited in independent claim 1.

Accordingly, even if, for the sake of argument, the Nehab et al. and Savitzky et al. patents could be combined, the combination would still not render obvious Applicants' invention, as recited in the independent claims.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our below listed address.

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